THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(d) There is no proposal to change the Chairman of the NDDB. The NDDB has a system of getting its accounts audited in accordance with the provision of Section 28 of the NDDB Act, 1987, by independent qualified auditors appointed with due approval of the Government.

Reserve stocks of milk powder with NDDB

1888. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDDB has no reserve stocks of milk powder as was envisaged under the Operation Flood projects;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to put NDDB under control of CAG and also appoint a new Board as envisaged under NDDB Act, 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The National Dairy Dev. Board (NDDB) had built a buffer stock of about 27,000 MT of milk powder procured indigenously during 1989-90. However, due to low procurement of fresh milk and the increase in liquid milk marketing during 1990-91 the consumption of milk powder from the buffer stock was more. NDDB with prudent management of available stocks of milk powder hopes to meet the requirement of dairies till the onset of the coming flush.

(c) Section 28(1) of the NDDB Act, 1987 provides that the accounts of NDDB shall be audited by auditors duly qualified to act as auditors of companies under Companies Act. The new Board was constituted after enactment of NDDB Act.

Involvement of private sector in mining operations

1889. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow for private sector into mining operations;

(b) what other options are being examined presently to involve private sector in mining operations;

(c) whether Government are also examining any proposals to permit vertical integration between mining and power generation; and

(d) the details of the representations or suggestions, if any, made by the Federation of Indian Mineral Industries in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Mining of minerals is already open to private sector.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Federation of the Indian Mineral Industry (FIMI), a suggestion has been made by the Federation to delicence power generation and to induct private sector in mining and processing of coal and lignite.

मध्य प्रदेश में बाढ़ नियंत्रण

1890. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सरकार को कोई बाढ़ नियंत्रण योजना भेजी है ;